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Went to the office and reviewed the telegrams on Italian intentions concerning the EDC treaty. The Scelba Government still seems decided not to bring the treaty to debate before the summer parliamentary recess unless the Trieste affair has first been settled. The U.S. has made strong representations urging immediate action.

E., Sasha, David and I left Orly at one o'clock on a TWA tourist plane. We had a pleasant hour and a half flight to Geneva, where Frank Gowen, our Consul General, and his wife kindly met us. They drove us in to the Hotel du Rhone, where we joined Margaret Bonsal and set off for a quick tour of antique shops. Saw some very fine French furniture at very fine prices. Purchased nothing, and made our way to Annecy.

Talloires, our destination, is about ten miles beyond Annecy, on a beautiful lake ringed by mountains. We deposited the youngsters amongst sixty-eight other hopefuls, between six and twelve, in the competent hands of Mr. and Mrs. McJannette. They have conducted this camp for thirty years.

E. and I went nearby to the Hotel de l'Abbaye, a converted mediaeval monastery. Our bedroom, historically classified, was the Abbot's own chamber, elaborately painted in the early part of the eighteenth century with portraits of ecclesiastics and cherubic and rustic scenes. It is quite beautiful.

Next to the hotel is the hostelry of Père Bise, rated three stars in the 1954 Michelin. We tried it. There is a fixed price menu, take it or leave it but you pay for it. We had a sausage pastry, a gratin of crayfish, and poulet à l'estragon. The good Savoyard Roblichon cheese followed, then raspberries with thick cream. The local white wine from Frangy named Roussettes was excellent and, to do justice to the meat and cheese, we indulged in a 1947 Vosne Romanée which was satisfactory. The only setback in the evening was the bill for 10,000

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francs. Dick and Alice Lee Meyers and the Robert Montgomerys were dining there, attracted from a long distance by the Michelin grading.

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